

19-653 Louisiana School for the Deaf

Agency Description

The Louisiana School for the Deaf is mandated by the legislature of Louisiana to provide educational services to children who are hearing impaired and reside in the State of Louisiana and whose hearing loss is such as to preclude their making normal progress in regular classrooms of the public schools.

The mission of the Louisiana School for the Deaf is to provide quality educational programs, in a nurturing environment, for children of this state who are deaf or hard of hearing; and to prepare students, for a diverse and changing society, to maximize their potential; and in so doing, to foster a challenging, rewarding workplace.

The goals of LSD are:

1. Provide specialized educational services germane to the disability of deafness inclusive of language acquisition, communication skills development, and maximum use of residual hearing.
2. Provide students with a comprehensive educational program which includes an educational program ranging from preschool to 12th grade, extra-curricular activities, social education programs, athletics, vocational education, and supportive services comparable to that of educational opportunities generally afforded to children who are able to hear.
3. Provide students with vocational education/training as well as transitional/post-graduate services which will enable the student who is deaf to make a choice in both a vocation and a path for post secondary training, and to develop marketable skills for employment.
4. Provide the community with a better awareness of deafness and its consequences.

LSD has three programs: Administration/Support Services Program, Instructional Services Program, and the Residential Services Program. LSD also includes an Auxiliary Account - The Student Snack Bar is the primary function of this account.

The Louisiana School for the Deaf (LSD), located on 116 acres of land in Baton Rouge, provides residential elementary and secondary educational services to children who are hearing impaired and whose hearing loss is such as to preclude their making normal progress in the regular public school system. The school operates under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and is managed by a superintendent. There are 22 buildings providing educational facilities for a preparatory/elementary school, a junior-senior high school, physical education, vocational and special needs programs, separate dormitory buildings for preparatory, elementary, secondary age students and special needs students, learning resource center, and various physical plant support and administrative buildings.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$12,796,860	\$14,028,239	\$14,048,043	\$14,757,780	\$14,764,443	\$716,400
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	676,382	694,572	694,572	698,977	696,016	1,444
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	69,542	122,014	122,014	122,014	122,014	0
Statutory Dedications	43,795	81,748	81,748	272,527	265,960	184,212
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$13,586,579	\$14,926,573	\$14,946,377	\$15,851,298	\$15,848,433	\$902,056
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administration/Support Services	\$3,519,630	\$3,657,443	\$3,657,443	\$3,843,043	\$3,783,421	\$125,978
Instructional Services	7,207,738	8,039,462	8,059,266	8,489,747	8,484,955	425,689
Residential Services	2,854,576	3,214,668	3,214,668	3,503,508	3,565,057	350,389
Auxiliary Account	4,635	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$13,586,579	\$14,926,573	\$14,946,377	\$15,851,298	\$15,848,433	\$902,056
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	179	184	184	184	184	0
Unclassified	152	147	147	147	147	0
TOTAL	331	331	331	331	331	0